

Capsule Summary
BA-1986
Jones House and Milestone
21419 York Road
Maryland Line, Baltimore County
ca. 1926
Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Jones House and Milestone

other

2. Location

street and number 21419 York Road not for publication

city, town	Maryland Line	- vicinity
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county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Betty Rae Brown
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street and number 21419 York Road

telephone

city, town	Maryland Line	state	MD	zip code	21105-0033
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel m.3 p.46

city, town	Towson	liber	6260	folio 54
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ *Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register*
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___district	___public	___agriculture	Contributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___landscape	Noncontributing
___structure	___both	___commerce/trade	___1___ buildings
___site		___recreation/culture	___2___ sites
___object		___religion	___ structures
		<u>X</u> domestic	___1___ objects
		___education	___2___ Total
		___funerary	
		___government	
		___health care	
		___industry	
		___work in progress	
		___unknown	
		___vacant/not in use	
		___other:	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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EXTERIOR OF DWELLING

The primary façade, facing west, measures two bays in width. The off-center entry, framed by a rowlock lintel and a narrow aluminum surrounds, consists of a single-leaf, paneled door of wood with six lights. Located to the south of the entry is a banked window with three elongated 1/1-light wood windows finished by a continuous rowlock brick lintel and aluminum-covered mullions. A full-width shed porch, supported by scrolled metal posts and a poured concrete deck, shelters the fenestration on the first floor. On the second story, there are two 1/1 wood windows with aluminum-covered sills, narrow surrounds, and rowlock lintels. A one-story wrap-around addition, clad in aluminum siding with a half-hipped asphalt shingled roof and a concrete block foundation, projects from the south side of the dwelling. On its west elevation, there is a pair of wood 1/1-windows with aluminum-covered sills and narrow surrounds.

The south elevation of the dwelling has a 1/1 window with an aluminum-covered sill, narrow surround, and rowlock lintel on the first floor. Originally, there would have been a second similar window, but it has been blocked by the one-story addition. On the second story, there are two 1/1 wood windows with aluminum-covered sills, narrow surrounds, and rowlock lintels. The attic story features a centrally located window in the gable peak with a similar configuration and detailing. The south elevation of the one-story addition features two 1/1 wood windows with aluminum-covered sills and narrow surrounds.

The rear, or east, elevation has two 1/1 windows with aluminum-covered sills, narrow surrounds, and a rowlock lintel. The first story consists of a shed addition with a small 1/1 window with an aluminum-covered sill and narrow surround on the north end. A gable on hip roof tops the wrap-around one-story addition. This addition has a louvered vent in the gable peak. A sliding glass-and-wood two-leaf door and a wooden 1/1 window with an aluminum-covered sill and narrow surround overlook the rear wooden deck.

The north elevation of the dwelling has an irregular fenestration pattern, presumably because of an interior stair hall. The first and second stories, as well as the attic level, are pierced by single 1/1 window with an aluminum-covered sill, narrow surround, and rowlock lintel. Additionally, single 1/1 windows with the same detailing

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mark the half story between the first and second stories. A smaller window with similar detailing is located on the first floor. There is an off-center entry with a one-leaf paneled wood door with two-lights, a rowlock brick lintel, and a poured concrete sill. A bracketed gable overhang clad in asphalt shingles shelters the door. The one-story rear wrap-around addition has a single-leaf paneled wood two-light door.

INTERIOR

The interior was not accessible at the time the survey was conducted.

OUTBUILDINGS: MILESTONE MARKER

There is a small milestone marker of granite on the property, set to the southwest of the house. Standing about three feet in height, the marker that has been eroded so that the inscription is illegible. The marker was one a many used on the York Turnpike Road, established in 1805 and completed in 1810.

OUTBUILDINGS: BARN AND GARAGE

A circa 1970's barn with a standing seam metal gabled roof is located in a field to the rear of the property. The barn is clad in board and batten siding with a sliding double-leaf wood door.

A circa 1970s garage and shed building is also located on the property. The building is gable fronted with a flat-roofed open bay garage portion. Clad in vertical board siding, the building has an asphalt shingled roof and a two-leaf wooden door with cross braces.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Significance dates	1805-1926	Architect	Unknown
Specific dates	1805, 1926	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Now located in the Seventh District at 21419 York Road in the town of Maryland Line, the Jones House was constructed circa 1926 for Eliza Groh. The design of the Jones House appears to have derived from early 20th century patternbooks, as its overall design and lack of architect-conceived elements appear to indicate that the building was of a standard/mass-produced plan.

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HISTORY

The town of Maryland Line was settled in the late 18th century as New Market. Since the early 20th century, however, that name has fallen out of use in preference for the name of the Maryland Line Post Office. The town was laid out along the York Road corridor, with the majority of its residential and commercial structures fronting that road. There appears to have been little industry in and around the town of New Market. Records indicate that there existed only one gristmill west of the town along the Gunpowder Falls in the late 19th century, yet there were at least fourteen houses by 1877 in this small community south of the Pennsylvania line. The importance of the town, therefore, was as a traveler's stop along the turnpike.¹

Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19th century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York,

¹S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 22; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 45.

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Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.² The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County, with milestones at regular intervals to indicate to travelers the distance from Baltimore. The thirty-mile marker at the Jones House was placed on the east side of York Road in the town of New Market. As late as 1978, there were nine milestones remaining along the York Road.

The history of the land on which the milestone marker was placed is obscure, lost in deeds that can not easily be deciphered. It has been determined, however, that the property belonged to John and Mary Tredway as early as 1852. Since the name of Tredway does not appear on the 1850 map of New Market, it is difficult to tell how long they had owned the property before selling in it 1852 to Samuel C. Spencer. The land, which probably comprised a farm, fronted York Turnpike and was delineated on one corner by the presence of the thirty-mile marker. Two years later, Spencer sold the farm to James A. Standiford, one of the more prominent men in the New Market community. It was probably Standiford and his wife, Sarah, who improved the land by constructing a residence and possibly other buildings on it, for the cost of the property in 1883 indicates that it had been significantly improved in the mid-19th century. Indeed, it could not have been the Tredway family that improved the land so significantly, for they sold it to Samuel Spencer for only \$125. Although Spencer could have constructed a dwelling and outbuildings on the property, it is not likely, since he owned the property for only two years. The prominence of the Standiford family in the New Market community and later construction throughout the town by them indicate that they were responsible for the construction of buildings on the land between 1854 and 1883. In 1883, Sarah Standiford died, leaving the property to be sold by her trustees to Matthew and Mary Bartow for \$5,092.³ It is unknown whether the Bartow family sold the whole property or a portion of it to Wilfred H. Whitcraft in 1904. Nevertheless, the land that Whitcraft bought did contain at least one building.

At that time, the property on which the Jones House is located was sold to Eliza Groh at a public sale. Records do not indicate whether or not Eliza Groh purchased only a portion of the property that did not contain the building, or whether she did purchase both the building and the land and then subsequently tore down the building. Regardless of this, the land that she did acquire was marked at the southwestern corner by the thirty-mile marker along the York Road. It was Groh who later financed the construction of the Jones House between 1920 and 1931. In the early 1930s, she sold the property and her newly constructed house for only \$500 to John Mays Little and T. Wilbur Meads. Three years later, Inez Johnson purchased the property from Little and Meads. The Jones House has remained a private residence in the Johnson family since 1934.

² Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p. 172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 10.

³ S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 22.

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In 1910, the York Turnpike Company ceded control of the turnpike to the Maryland State government. Travel between York and Baltimore increased after World War II. Accordingly, York Road was not longer sufficient to maintain a heavy amount of automobile traffic. The Baltimore/Harrisburg Expressway (I-83), which extends northward in a line roughly parallel with York Road, replaced the former turnpike as the main traffic corridor.

Chain of Title:

November 3, 1852:	John Tredway, Jr. and Mary Tredway, wife, to Samuel C. Spencer Land Records of Baltimore County Liber HMF 3 Folio 278
January 1, 1854:	Samuel C. Spencer and wife to James A. Standiford Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 9 Folio 581
June 21, 1883:	John I. Gellot and John T. Ensor, trustees, to Matthew H. Bartow and Mary J. Bartow, wife Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WMI 137 Folio 162
November 16, 1904:	Matthew H. Bartow and Mary J. Bartow, wife, to Wilfred H. Whitcraft Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WPC 281 Folio 325
March 30, 1909:	Wilfred H. Whitcraft and Elizabeth J. Whitcraft, wife, to Jacob Lowe and Sophronia L. Lowe Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WPC 338 Folio 578
March 14, 1917:	Sophronia L. Lowe, widow, to Wiley Marsteller Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WPC 478 Folio 127
April 17, 1920:	T. Scott Offet, Charles H. MacNab, trustees for Wiley Marsteller to Eliza L. Groh Land Records of Baltimore County Liber WPC 521 Folio 369
January 31, 1931:	Eliza L. Groh to John Mays Little and t. Wilbur Meads Equity Docket Records of Baltimore County Liber 31 Folio 281
July 15, 1934:	John Mays Little and T. Wilbur Meads to Inez Johnson Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 933 Folio 448
April 24, 1940:	Inez H. Johnson to Albert S. Johnson and Betty E. Johnson Land Records of Baltimore County

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Liber 1100 Folio 215

November 7, 1955: Albert S. Johnson and Betty E. Johnson to Harry V. Parks
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber GLB 2814 Folio 226

November 7, 1955: Harry V. Parks to Albert S. Johnson and Betty E. Johnson
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber GLB 2814 Folio 229

November 17, 1969: Betty E. Billingsley and Raymond W. Billingsley to Pat Holding Co.
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5053 Folio 321

November 17, 1969: Pat Holding Co. to Betty E. Billingsley
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5053 Folio 324

February 4, 1982: Betty E. Billingsley to Betty Rae Brown
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 6260 Folio 54

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Piedmont
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Rural Agrarian Intensification (1680-1815) Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870) Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930) Modern Period (1930-Present)
Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning Transportation
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling COMMERCE/Restaurant TRANSPORTATION/ Road-Related
Known Design Source:	unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Clemens, S. B. and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County*. C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976.

Hopkins, G.M., *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*. Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

Olson, Sherry H, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area	<u>7.38Acres</u>		
Acreage surveyed	<u>7.38 Acres</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>New Freedom</u>	Quadrangle scale:	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since the early-19th century, the Jones House and Milestone have been associated with the 7.38 acres of parcel 46 to be found on grid 21, of 3 map in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

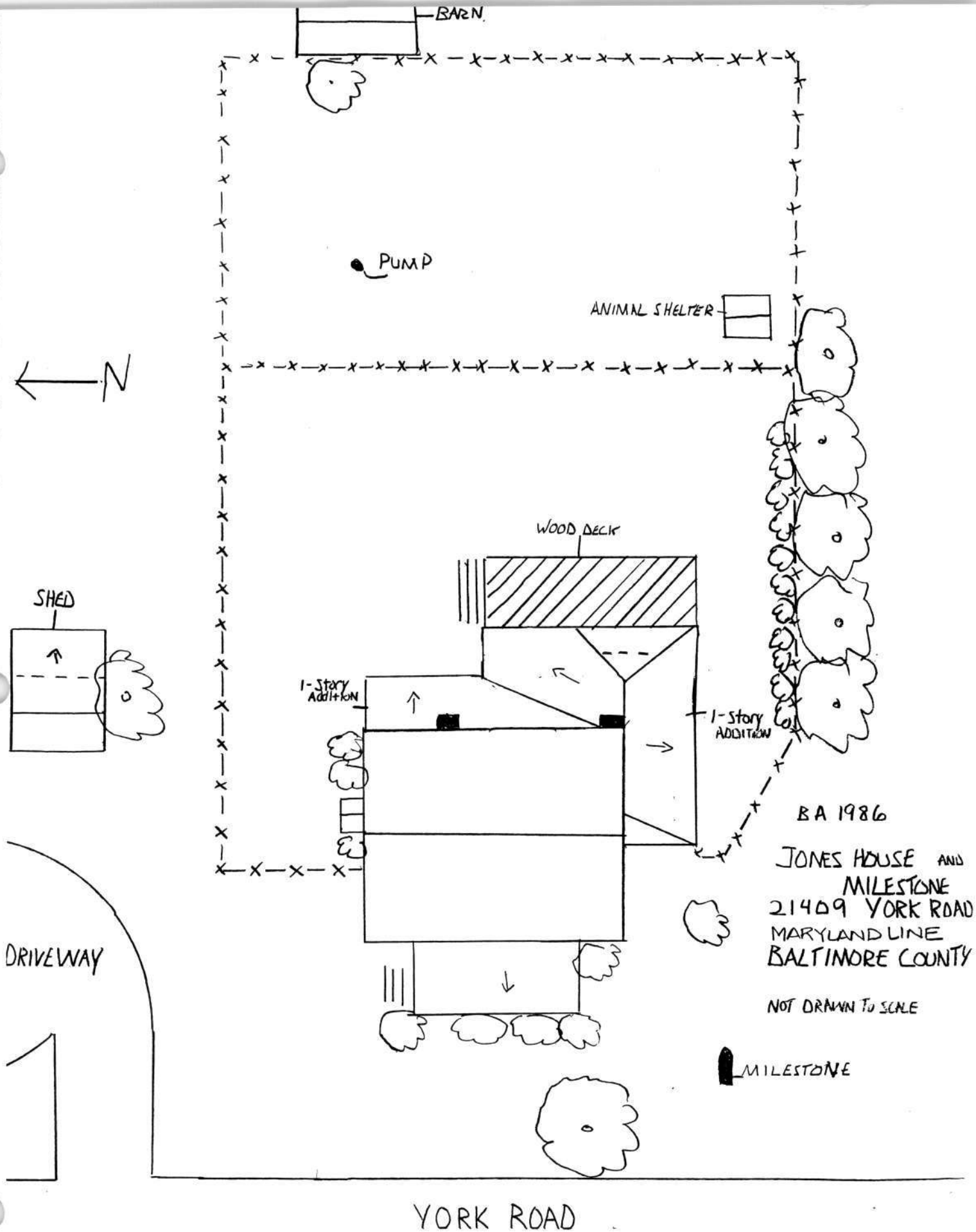
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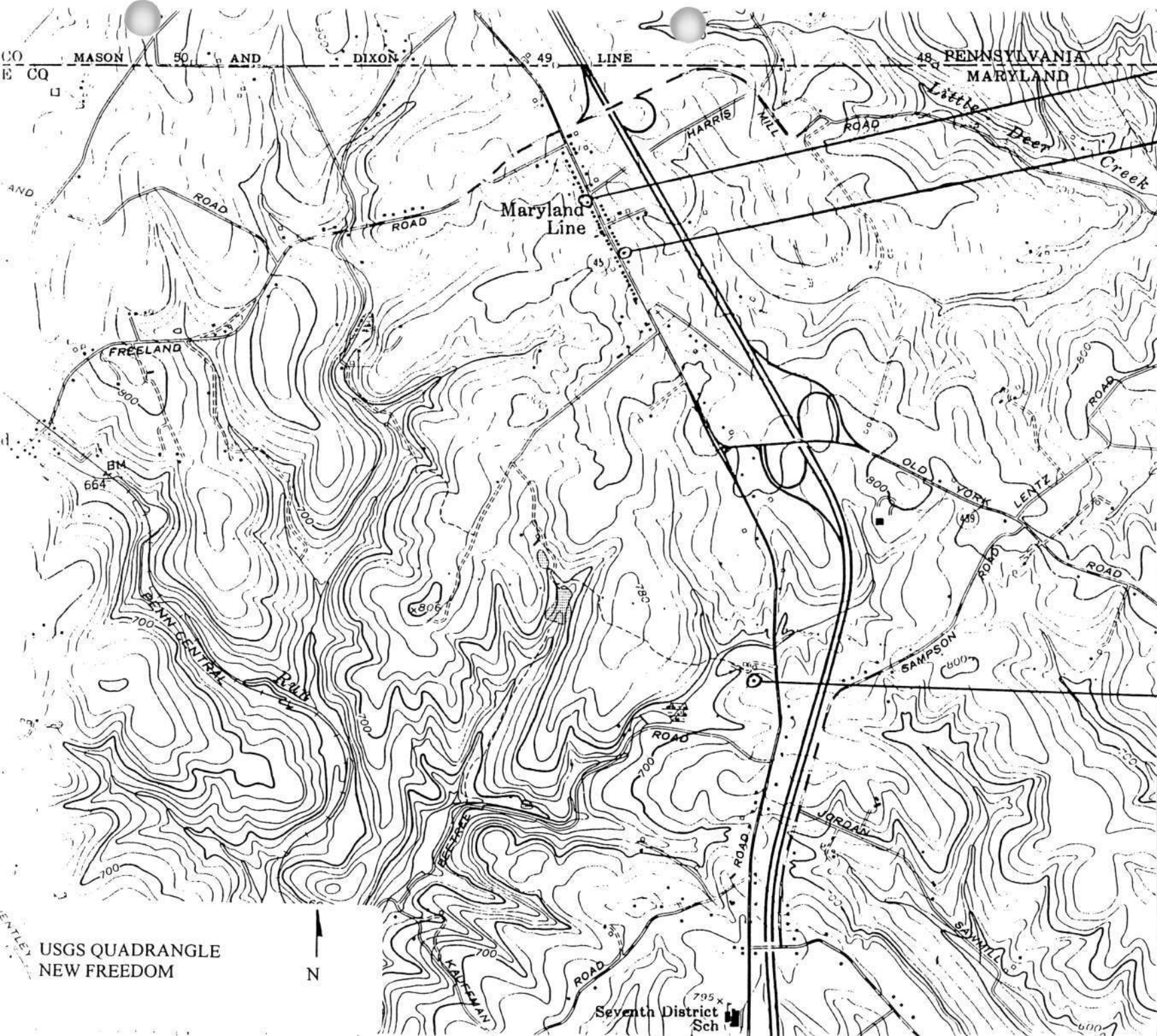
name/title	L. V. Trieschmann, J. J. Bunting, and A. L. McDonald, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Inc.		
street & number	1121 5 th Street NW		
city or town	Washington, DC 20001	22 September 2000	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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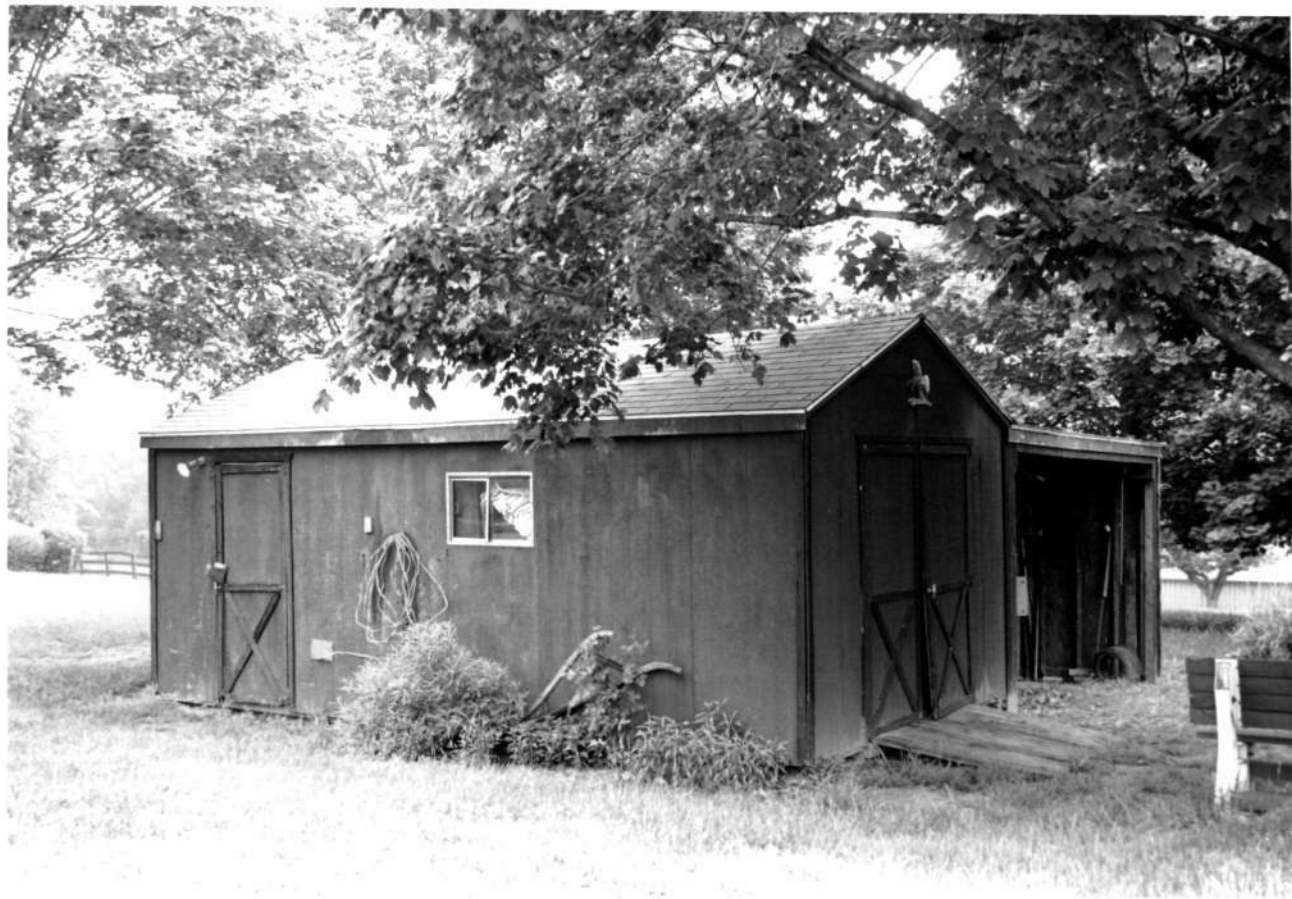
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JONES HOUSE AND MILESTONE - 1810 - 21419 York Road, Maryland Line. This contemporary brick house of 1930s vintage stands on a lot containing the 30th milestone of the Baltimore and York Town Turnpike Road Company, probably set up in 1810. Ownership of the stone passed to the State along with the right of way in 191_.